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At the Court at *Kensington*, *Febr.* 8. 1699.

PRESENT

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THE *Lord Mayor* and *Aldermen* of the City of London, *and also the Justices of Peace of* Middlesex, *and of the City and Liberties of* Westminster, *this day attended His Majesty in Council, and were made acquainted, That His Majesty had received Information of the great Resort of Papists to this City, in defiance of the Laws in force, presume to go publickly to Mass in great Numbers; And that thereupon His Majesty had caused Proclamations to be prepared, as well for Commanding all Jesuits and Popish Priests forthwith to Depart this Kingdom, as for Recalling home His Majesties Subjects now Educating in Popish Seminaries beyond Seas: And for Requiring such Papists or reputed Papists, as are now in and about the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *to depart Ten Miles distance from the same.*

And the Lord Mayor and Justices were Charged strictly to put the Laws in Execution against Papists.

To hinder His Majesties Subjects from resorting to Mass, and to take Care, that such as offend herein be prosecuted according to Law.

To tender the Oaths to all Papists and reputed Papists, whom they shall suspect to be disaffected to His Majesty or His Government.

To make diligent Enquiry after Popish Schools, and to Suppress them.

And, as much as in them lies, to prevent the Printing or Vending of any Popish Books, and to take Care that the Offenders be punished.

And His Majesty did also Require the Lord Mayor and Justices of the Peace, from time to time to give an Account of Their Proceedings herein to His Majesty in Council.

His Majesty was further pleased to take Notice to the Justices of Middlesex, *That He had lately been informed that there is a Nunnery at* Hammersmith, *and to Command them forthwith to Enquire into the matter, and to take Care to Suppress the same, and to Prosecute the Offenders with the utmost Rigour according to Law.*

Edward Southwell.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHereas *We have been Informed, That many Popish Priests and Jesuits have presumed to come into this Kingdom, and to continue therein contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; We have therefore thought fit to Command all Popish Priests and Jesuits, to depart out of, and not to return or come into this Our Kingdom, under such Penalties as by Law may be inflicted on them: And do by this Our Royal Proclamation (Issued by the Advice of Our Privy Council) strictly Charge and Command all Jesuits and Priests whatsoever, who have taken Orders from the See of* Rome, *or by the Authority or pretended Authority thereof, and not being under Restraint by Imprisonment, That they do forthwith depart out of this Our Kingdom of* England, *Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick upon Tweed; *And that they or any of them, or any other such Priests or Jesuits do not presume to continue, come, or return into Our said Kingdom of* England, *Dominion of* Wales, *or Town of* Berwick, *upon Pain of having the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm put in Execution against them.*

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Eighth Day of *February*, 1699. In the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHereas *His Majesty hath been Informed, That great Numbers of Papists and other Disaffected Persons, who disown His Majesties Government, have lately Resorted to, and Assembled in the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *contrary to the known Laws of this Kingdom; His Majesty therefore hath thought fit, by the Advice of His Privy Council, to Issue this His Royal Proclamation, and does hereby strictly Charge and Command all Popish Recusants, Natives or Denizons, being above the Age of Sixteen Years, That they do, according to the Statutes in that behalf made, repair to their respective Places of Abode, and if they have none, then to the Places where their respective Father or Mother is or shall be Dwelling, and do not hereafter remove or pass above Five Miles from thence. And His Majesty does hereby Command the Lord Mayor of* London, *and all other Justices of the Peace, and other Officers within the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *and Ten Miles of the same, That they do Effectually proceed to put in Execution the Statute made in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty and of the late Queen* Mary *of Blessed Memory, Intituled,* An Act for the Amoving Papists and Reputed Papists from the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Ten Miles distance from the same, *by tendring to them the Declaration therein mentioned, and otherwise according to the said Act. And His Majesty does likewise Charge and Command the aforesaid, and all other Justices of the Peace whatsoever, To tender the Declaration aforesaid, according to one other Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty and the said late Queen, Intituled,* An Act for the better Securing the Government by Disarming Papists and Reputed Papists. *And for the better Discovering of Persons Disaffected to the Government, and that being discovered, their Disloyal and Wicked Purposes and Attempts may be disappointed, His Majesty does strictly Charge and Command all Justices of the Peace and other Officers in that behalf Authorized, That where they shall find or be informed of any Person, who by reason of his Conversation, Discourse or other Demeanour, shall be suspected not to be well Affected to His Majesties Government, they do effectually put in Execution the Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His Majesties Reign, Intituled,* An Act for the better Security of His Majesties Royal Person and Government, *by Summoning the said Persons, and Tendring to them the Oaths by the said Act Appointed to be taken, and in Case of Refusal or Neglect of Appearance, to Proceed further against such Offenders according to the Directions of the said Act; It being His Majesties Pleasure, that the Laws be Executed to the utmost against such Offenders. And His Majesty does hereby Charge and particularly Require all Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, that they do meet Monthly to Inquire into and Inform themselves of the Affairs of their respective Counties and Divisions in relation to the Premisses, and take special care to preserve the Peace, and prevent all unlawful Meetings and Assemblies, and that from time to time they give Information of their Proceedings and Discoveries to the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council.*

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THE Circuits appointed for this Lent Assizes are as follow.

Norfolk Circuit.

Lord Chief Justice *Holt*.

Mr. Baron *Lechmere*.

Bucks, Monday *March* 4. at *Ailesbury*.
Bedford, Thursday *March* 7. at *Bedford*.
Huntingdon, Saturday *March* 9. at *Huntingdon*.
Cambridge, Monday *March* 11. at the Castle of *Cambridge*.
Norfolk, Thursday *March* 14. at *Thetford*.
Suffolk, Monday *March* 18. at *St. Edmondsbury*.

Home Circuit.

Lord Chief Justice *Treby*.

Mr. Justice *Gould*.

Hertford, Monday *Febr.* 26. at the Town of *Hertford*.
Essex, Wednesday *Febr.* 28. at *Chelmsford*.
Kent, Monday *March* 4. at *Maidstone*.
Suffex, Monday *March* 11. at *East-Grinsted*.
Surrey, Wednesday *March* 13. at *Reigate*.

Western Circuit.

Lord Chief Baron *Ward*.

Mr. Justice *Blencowe*.

Southampton, Wednesday *Febr.* 28. at the Castle of *Winchester*.
Wilts, Saturday *March* 2. at *New-Sarum*.
Dorset, Thursday *March* 7. at *Dorchester*.
Somerset, Monday *March* 11. at the Castle of *Taunton*.
Cornwall, Monday *March* 18. at *Launceston*.
City of *Exeter*, Saturday *March* 23. at the *Guildhall* of the said City.
Devon, The same day at the Castle of *Exeter* in the County of *Devon*.

Midland Circuit.

Mr. Justice *Nevill*.

Mr. Baron *Powys*.

Northampton, Tuesday *March* 5. at *Northampton*.
Rutland, Friday *March* 8. at *Oakham*.